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Indiana Statewide Standing Order
to Address the COVID-19 Outbreak

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Purpose: To ensure that all Hoosiers who meet the criteria for testing for the 2019 novel coronavirus receive such testing.

Policy: Standing orders enable any providers properly authorized to perform COVID-19 testing at locations throughout the state of Indiana.

Eligible Providers: Any COVID-19 testing site operating in accordance with all state and federal laws, including all health care licensure regulations.

Eligible Recipients: Individuals who meet the criteria provided in guidance for testing on the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) website.

Eligible Tests: Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) or antigen testing performed in a CLIA-approved high-complexity, moderate complexity, or waived setting as authorized and specified by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The test method used must be approved by the FDA, performed by trained personnel, and verified by the performing laboratory prior to use.

Note: This standing order does not apply to any home tests.

I. **Collection Procedure:** Specimens covered by this standing order include nasopharyngeal (NP) anterior nares (AN) swab or saliva specimen collected by a healthcare or other trained professional. Self-collection of AN swabs or a saliva specimen is permitted for adult patients, under the supervision of a healthcare or other trained professional, as long as the patient is provided clear, step-by-step instructions (either verbal or written) and is deemed physically capable of following those instructions.

II. **Specimen Storage and Transportation:** All submissions to a testing laboratory must comply with the protocols and procedures established by the individual testing laboratory.

III. **Shipping:** Specimens must be packaged, shipped, and transported according to the current edition of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulations. Additional information on packing, shipping, and transporting specimens can be found at Interim Laboratory Biosafety Guidelines for Handling and Processing Specimens Associated with Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

Geographic Region: This standing order is applicable statewide.

Standing Orders Authorization: This standing order is issued pursuant to the Governor's Declaration of Public Health Emergency in accordance with Indiana Code §10-14-3-12(a) and § 16-19-3-9, which provides that IDOH, which reports to the governor, may "[d]o what is reasonable and necessary for the prevention and suppression of disease."

This standing order is effective upon signature through December 31, 2022. This replaces the previous standing order for COVID-19 testing signed December 29, 2020.

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